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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] Deputy Chief, Benefits and Casualty Division, Office of Personnel.

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1. On 31 May 1957 I interviewed [REDACTED] Deputy Chief of the Benefits and Casualty Division, Office of Personnel. I told him that in connection with looking into matters in the Management Staff some allegations had been made with regard to [REDACTED] drinking habits and that specifically I had been told that at lunch some time ago [REDACTED] had been so abusive to him as to cause him to leave his company.

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2. [REDACTED] confirmed that this had happened, stating that the incident had occurred a year or two ago and had been brought about by the discussion of a personal matter which he did not care to reveal. However, he related that they were in a small restaurant and that [REDACTED] had become quite intoxicated and had berated him in loud tones to such an extent that he was extremely embarrassed and humiliated. Finally he stood up, threw some money on the table, and left saying to [REDACTED] that he had better things to do than to stay and argue with him. A week or so later when he spoke to Mr. [REDACTED] about the incident the latter appeared not to remember what had happened and said that it was hard for him to believe that he had treated his friend [REDACTED] in this manner.

3. [REDACTED] says that he has counseled [REDACTED] on many occasions and that he has a high regard for his keen mind. However, he recognizes that [REDACTED] does not have any leadership and has tried to tell him many times that he is dealing with intelligent people who like to think that they are ladies and gentlemen and not 300 truck drivers at Macy's. In addition, he has pointed out to him that he cannot talk to people the way in which he habitually does and expect them to have any morale.

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4. [REDACTED] believes that there has been a substantial change in Mr. [REDACTED] attitude and conduct during the last six months or so, thinks that he has full control of the reins, and that he is happy in his work. He pointed out that this was not the case some time ago and that he did not believe that

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[REDACTED] wanted to keep busy on the job until recently.

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5. Prior to his departure [REDACTED] were still good friends and that he hoped our conversation would be kept in the strictest of confidence.

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[REDACTED]  
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